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TAGS: OVIP (YAHYA KHAN), PK

SUBJECT: HOSPITALIZATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN

REF: ISLAMABAD 6394

1. FOLLOWING IS CODED TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA 2 OF
REFTEL:

(A) GWRMC'S CORRECT NAME IS GEORGE WASHINGTON MEDICAL
CENTER, DIVISION OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE (DRM) AND IT
HAS NO CONNECTION WITH WALTER REED. ARMY DOCTOR, AT REED,
ARRANGED YAHYA'S TRANSFER TO DRM WHEN MEDICAL EXAMINATION
DETERMINED THAT REED DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE FACILITIES TO
AID FORMER PRESIDENT'S FURTHER TREATMENT. DRM IS LOCATED
AT 901 23RD STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

(B) DRM PROVIDES ADVANCE STUDY OF PARALYSIS.

(C) DRM PROVIDES PHYSICAL THERAPY

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(D) RUSK INSTITUTE'S CORRECT NAME IS INSTITUTE OF RE-
HABILITATION MEDICINE (IRM), NEW YORK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL
CENTER. IRM'S ADDRESS IS 400 EAST 34TH STREET, NEW YORK,
NEW YORK.

(E) YAHYA WAS TRANSFERRED TO DRM BEGINNING OF JULY AND IS
EXPECTED TO REMAIN THERE FOR UNDERTERMINED LENGTH OF

TIME. AFTER WALTER REED HAD COMPLETED YAHYA'S MEDICAL EXAMINATION IT HAD BEEN PLANNED TO MOVE HIM TO IRM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ENTERING DRM. THE REHABILITATION TREATMENT YAHYA REQUIRES IS SIMILAR AT BOTH IRM AND DRM AND SINCE BED WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT IRM FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT HE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO IRM.

(F) IRM PROVIDES BOTH PARALYSIS STUDY AND THERAPY.

2. RE PARA3 OF REFTTEL, INFORMATION REGARDING YAHYA'S HOSPITALIZATION PASSED TO MISS PETERS AS REQUESTED.

3. YAHYA'S RELATIVES MAY WISH TO KNOW THAT ALTHOUGH FORMER PRESIDENT HAS BEEN IN DRM FOR LESS THAN A WEEK, STAFF IS HEARTENED BY HIS CHANGE IN ATTITUDE, SINCE ARRIVING IN DRM, TOWARD HIS REHABILITATION PROBLEM. YAHYA'S EARLY REHABILITATION, DRM NOTES, WILL BE HANDICAPPED BY DELAY OF YEAR IN STARTING A REGIME OF REHABILITATION EXERCISES. DURING PAST YEAR KEY MUSCLES HAVE NOT BEEN USED AND THAT PROBLEM WILL GENERALLY SLOW HIS REHABILITATION PROGRAM. ALSO, YAHYA HAS BEEN PLACED ON STRICT DIET IN ORDER TO TRIM HIS WEIGHT. FINALLY, DRM HAS CONVERTED ONE OF ITS STANDARD TWO-BED WARDS INTO A SINGLE ROOM TO PERMIT BEGUM YAHYA TO BE WITH HIM ON 24-HOUR BASIS. VANCE

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